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Dear Steve,

We are concerned parents from Malibu high school and are asking you for help.
It has been nine months since we were informed that the campus is contaminated.

Since then the school district kept postponing, lying and trying to cover up.
School starts in some weeks and I know that many parents will not send their children back.

Below you find two letters regarding that matter

Dear Mrs Lyon, dear Board of the SMMUSD,

We are writing to you regarding your statement about recent environmental test results!

It was last October when all of us parents and you gathered in the auditorium of MALIBU HIGHSCHOOL, and you assured us, moved to tears, that you personally will take care of the looming environmental danger as soon as humanly possible.

Back then we all believed you and felt in good hands with you representing students, teachers and – of course us - parents.

It has been 9 months and NOTHING MEANINGFUL on your behalf has been done, except writing letters, statements of appeal and heavily lawyering up to the tune of several hundreds of thousands of US dollars (quoting your own statement). WHERE IS THE IMMEDIATE TESTING YOU PROMISED US?

And when tests were finally done, they were performed totally unsatisfactory – air tests with windows opened – which defies any real test results, then only a few rooms were tested out of the vast campus, and finally no soil testing was performed WHATSOEVER!

Thanks to MALIBU UNITES, who released test results to the public, letting us all know how high the PCB count really was in every room, the parents, students, teachers and everyone else was informed of how much toxic danger the students and staff have been exposed to for a long period of time.

After the test results were released we expected the school district and the officials to be shocked and immediately willing to do everything possible. Instead we got rejection, opposition and everything but help! Why do we get the feeling that there

must be something certain people want to COVER UP, instead of trying to openly disclose to the public – TO US?

We simply do not think that this is anywhere close to the right approach in this matter at all.

Now we just found out that test levels at the schools are way beyond legal limits, and instead of BEING THANKFUL that at least one organization was capable of gathering data and finally VALID test results, you are blaming them that the samples were gathered without your knowledge.

This is the wrong time for “bruised egos” – the health of our kids is at stake.

And furthermore - well, let us be honest here - DOES ANYBODY REALLY CARE if the samples were taken with your knowledge or not AS LONG AS OUR CHILDREN AND TEACHERS ARE SAFE ?

It simply raises the question, what kind of benefit you and your organization gain in not testing properly and/or trying to cover up facts constantly?

Is it financial profits, is it about the reputation of our schools or possible law suits, or what else?

We seriously doubt that in this stage you can prevent a scandal and firmly believe that it is time to cooperate and FINALLY come forward WITH THE TRUTH in this matter.

The property taxes we are paying in Malibu are high enough and the least you would expect is a SAFE school environment for our children!

We as parents and you as the superintendent have the responsibility to take care of our children and staff. Or.....???

That was published in the Malibu Times and the following one concerned parents just drafted

Summer break is almost over and we have another three more weeks to decide whether or not we will send our kids back to our three contaminated Malibu schools.

Most of our children love their schools, teachers and friends, most of us parents feel the same.

And this is why it is a hard decision!

Right now cleaning and testing is being performed at the affected schools, and we parents would have loved to believe the school district and city council that after the testing is done, everything will be fine. Unfortunately they are not testing properly to identify the magnitude of contamination in the classrooms. The independent test results published two weeks ago confirmed that we at Malibu High/Juan Cabrillo have the highest contamination levels ever documented in classrooms nationwide - since there is no plan on behalf of the school district to remove the source of the contamination this is really disturbing.

Now after haven spoken to Hugh Kaufman, the most experienced engineer/investigator at the USEPA he confirmed that only removal of the source and thorough testing will guarantee that our children are safe!

The problem here is empiricism- the last year has shown that we as parents have to double check all the results and all the statements made by the officials, which is really sad.

Furthermore it is common knowledge that wipe testing is a nice avocation but does not provide any evidence that the toxins are gone for good.

So for us it is NOT a difficult decision whether or not sending our children back in fall, since we strongly believe that we, as parents, are responsible for the health and future of our precious children!

Very Concerned Malibu Parents

We kindly would ask to help us since everybody else is not

regards

Peter and Lea

Sent from my iPad